

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MACK COLE**, on March 8, 1999 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mack Cole, Chairman (R)
Sen. Don Hargrove, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Jack Wells (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None.

Representatives Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman, Majority (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman Minority (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Don Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

Representatives Excused: Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Representatives Absent: None

Staff Present: Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary
Karen Mills, House Committee Secretary
David Niss, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SJ 10, 2/11/1999

Executive Action: None

CHAIRMAN MACK COLE turned the meeting over to **REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD**, who is chairman of the House State Administration Committee.

JOINT HEARING ON SJ 10

Sponsor: SEN. MACK COLE, SD 4, HYSHAM

Proponents: Mark Racicot, Governor
Steve Doherty, Senator, SD
Kelly Addy
Stan Kimmitt
Evan Barrett
Bob Barthumas, Miles City
Carol Williams, Representative, HD 69, Missoula
Mike Cooney, Secretary of State
Greg morghan, Bozeman
Mark Johnson
Bob Reef, Chairman of Montana Democratic Party
George Ashton
Don Judge, AFL-CIO
Harp Broody
Amroth
Mel Rudder, Retired Newspaper Publisher
John Bartlett
Frank Cote, Self
Dorothy
Bob Brown
Bill Thomas, Representative
Joe Quilici, Representative

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

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SEN. MACK COLE, SD 4, HYSHAM, said it gives me great honor to be able to present to you **SJ 10**. This is a resolution which I feel is long overdue. I might give a short history, but nothing like

the people who are going to testify after me. We started out with **SJ 4**, which is a resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana authorizing the permanent placement of certain memorials in the Capitol. We felt the one person we are doing this for today is so important we should separate that out of **SJ 4** and make that a separate resolution. It is high time we do this for our **SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD** who has given so much to the State of Montana and also when he was the Ambassador to Japan, serving both in the Carter and Reagan administrations. I am not going to go on any further on this. There are people here who have far more knowledge than I have. At this time I would like to turn this over to the proponents. I see that we are very fortunate in having our Governor here today too.

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark Racicot, Governor, stated, it is with a great deal of pleasure I appear before you in this very historic chamber with all of these very distinguished Montanans who are going to speak to this particular resolution appearing before you this morning. I would like to add my unqualified enthusiastic endorsement of the resolution. As all of you know, it goes almost without saying, **SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD** is an extraordinary Montanan who has contributed beyond any measure to our state and to our nation. He is known throughout the world as a statesman and a person who should rightfully be honored by making certain that we properly prepare a place in this building with an appropriate remembrance of his life, contribution, and service to the State of Montana and to the United States of America and, I would dare say, to the entire world. I would add a couple of administrative details that we have the ability to receive any contributions you might want to make. Even before this legislature has approved this legislation and given us guidance and direction, we have already had Montanans who have made contributions to this effort, almost twenty-five hundred dollars coming in small and larger contributions. I am particularly proud of the fact the people of Lincoln County, on an afternoon not long ago, contributed almost half of that amount, so if you or others are inclined, you can certainly make your contributions available in the Office of the Governor and we will take care of the proper accounting. With the hope this legislature ultimately approves of this resolution and the placement of an appropriate statue in this building, we will be in the proper position that we effectuate your desires and your directions. I thank you kindly for indulging me in allowing me to impose upon the schedule and to offer my enthusiastic support, as I know virtually all Montanans will to this particular project.

SEN. STEVE DOHERTY, SD 24, GREAT FALLS, said I am appearing here today as the Senate Minority Leader, a Democrat, and a Montanan. I appear as a Democrat because **MIKE MANSFIELD**, to me, embodies our party and I am very proud of that. I know many of us are proud of that fact. I also appear as a Montanan because I think **SEN. MANSFIELD** transcends party lines. The abilities he had and the leadership he brought to this nation stretched across party lines. For those of us who were weaned in politics in Cascade County, I know Butte will claim him, but Cascade County has some very strong claims as well. In recognizing the honor that we propose to do to **SEN. MANSFIELD**, we should also be aware there will probably be one Montanan who will be vociferous of this resolution. However, in spite of what I expect might be some protestations from **SEN. MANSFIELD** or **Ambassador Mansfield**, we Montanans should take this particular issue and honor this man who has done us and the nation so well with his graciousness, political courage and his inspiration to generations of Montanans.

Kelly Addy read **EXHIBIT(sts52a01)**.

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Stan Kimmitt stated, I am originally from Great Falls. In 1941 the Draft Board took me away and I haven't come back but periodically since then. He read **EXHIBIT(sts52a02)**.

Evan Barrett said I am here representing myself in support of this bill. I apologize to those who should probably be in front of me and I would rather wait until the end, but I have a board meeting in Butte I have to attend so I felt compelled to get up here a little bit earlier. I have been familiar with and worked with and around **SEN. MANSFIELD** over the last thirty years, first, as Executive Director of the Democratic Party in Montana and as a staff member for various Senators, Governors, Congress people and so on as a member of the Democratic National Committee, but also over the last twelve years, as someone involved with economic development in Butte, Montana. During all those years, **Mike Mansfield** has been an inspiration every time I met with him or dealt with him.

I was involved in a partisan way in his last campaign in 1970. As a young Executive Director of the Democratic Party, I occasionally had some frustration with **SEN. MANSFIELD** because I always wanted him to take the most strident partisan line a young partisan person would want. The Senator would take the statesman's position about what is right for Montana or what is right for America, notwithstanding how it reflected on partisanship. The pleasant thing, of course, is that most times

it also reflected where he should be on a partisan basis, but he did take the statesman's position every time. This is a person of genuine humility. He always speaks genuinely about who he owes his success to. Others have reflected he talked about owing his success to Maureen, but whenever you speak with **SEN.**

MANSFIELD he also says, "Everything I have is also owed with thanks to the people of the state of Montana who graciously enabled me to represent them over so many years". That was said with genuine meaning and genuine humility.

I try to meet with **SEN. MANSFIELD** every time I go to Washington D.C. and the ritual is pretty much the same. I would hope anyone of you who has the opportunity would drop into the Goldman Sax offices, because he loves to have people from Montana come and visit him. He will meet you and take you into his small modest office, sit around a coffee table, chat about Montana and have a cup of coffee. Eventually he will take you to the elevator, and as the elevator door closes he will look at you and say, "Tap'er light". Tap'er light is a mining saying out of Butte, a way of saying "take it easy". He will do that and I would urge all of you to participate or take advantage of that opportunity sometime.

When we were in politics with Mike, quite a few people would say, "Mike will never endorse things, so don't bother asking". A few years ago Montana was receiving a lot of bad publicity over the Freeman, Kaczynski, the militia activity, and the hate crime activity in Billings. I was involved in an organization working to do a major activity in New York City to highlight what Montana does to fight this type of stuff and what the genuine real Montanans are about. I said do you suppose that Mike Mansfield would sign on as a sponsor of this event and everybody said, "Mike never signs onto anything." So I picked up the phone, called and said, "Would you have an interest in this, Senator Mansfield," and he said in typical fashion, "Yep," and he did. When it comes to standing for Montana, I think Mike will never say no.

That reference to "yep", by the way, is a very familiar thing. Many of you may recall when the Senator would meet the press, the poor reporters would bring five pages of questions because they would inevitably ask a question and instead of giving a five minute answer he would say, "yep," or, "no" and they would have to ask the next question. What we are about here today is finding a way to say "yep" to Mike Mansfield. He continues to work on behalf of Montana. I checked with him about six months ago and said we are continuing to try to recruit silica and semiconductor business to Butte. Would you mind having a quote we could use on our web site and in our mailings. He said, "yep" and sent a quote out, one we feature on the front page of our web

site in Butte on why the silicon business industry ought to locate in Butte. Someone, I think Stan, mentioned the eighteen year old vote. The Senator, at his age now, and also thirty years ago, despite his age and probably because of his early history of doing things relatively young, was the prime sponsor for the eighteen year old vote. He has always had a sensitivity to youth. My brothers and sister-in-law toured the world as young rock musicians doing USO tours to entertain the service members. Whenever they were in Tokyo they would go up and say, "Can we see Senator Mansfield" and if you were from Montana, you went right inside, had a cup of coffee with him and characteristically every time they left he walked them to the elevator and said "tap'er light".

This is about Mike, our friend, our Senator. This about Maureen, his life long partner. This is about not waiting until he passes on. We think about how often we honor people only after they're gone. The Metcalf building over here didn't get named after the Senator until after he passed. We have an opportunity with this bill today to say "yep" to Senator Mansfield, to say "yep" to Maureen, find a fine way to say "tap'er light" to him before he's gone. He deserves every bit of it and I urge passage of this resolution. I intend to cut a check for that fund and I hope everyone else here will too.

Bob Barthelmess, said, I come from Miles City. My wife and I drove here yesterday from Miles City so we could be a witness in favor of **SJ 10**. I was elected president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association in 1963. I was thirty-nine years old. I was probably too inexperienced to serve in that position, but I acquired experience readily. That was about the time the United States was in the process of receiving fifty percent of its beef production from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Candida, and Mexico. The industry was in dire straits, so they were trying to get up some steam to get the United States Congress to implement some legislation to curb those imports.

I went to Washington seven times in the next twelve months. My first stop was in Jim Batten's office. He was my congressman, but more than that, his father-in-law, Frances Choate was a very close friend of my father's and I used that as an in. We talked about why I was there. He interrupted me when I was about half through with what I wanted to say and said, "I want to tell you something. I am a very young Congressman here and all those who are a dog will pass up a fire hydrant to get to. You go over to Senator Mansfield's office. This is another court I want you to remember; he is the third most powerful man in Washington. You solicit his support. If you get that done, you have accomplished something great for your industry." I made an appointment to meet him the next day at two o'clock. I was escorted into his

office and introduced myself as Bob Barthelmess, President of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, and representing its five thousand membership plus the other ten thousand livestock producers in our state. He reached in his desk drawer and pulled out a placard that read, "Join the Beef for Blewett Club. Sell a head of stock, donate to the Alex Blewett for Senate Campaign to defeat Senator Mike Mansfield in the fall election". This was signed by three past presidents of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. My reputation went down the drain, at least I thought it had. In barnyard terms, I felt like a gut shot coyote. I was backed into a corner. All I could do was try to convey to him the plight of the livestock industry in Montana as well as across the nation. He put the placard back in his desk drawer and never mentioned it again in the twelve months I was there.

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He said, "What can we do?" I said, "We would like to have you appear before the International Tariff Commission which is having a hearing on world trade two weeks from now, and represent Montana's livestock industry". He did that. I asked him if he would introduce a piece of legislation into the Federal Congress, the Senate specifically, to curb beef imports into the United States. He did that. He bird dogged the companion bills over in the House as they went through the Agriculture and Ways and Means Committees. He appeared before the Senate Finance Committee, representing the livestock industry of Montana. He made arrangements for me to appear before the Senate Finance Committee and I said, "That's a little more than I think I can handle," because Clinton P. Anderson, Carl Curtiss, Harry Bird, and Albert Gore were on that committee. I said, "Give me some advice". He said, "Relay everything you say to Montana, to your community, and to your ranch. Nobody knows as much about that as you do. They can't cut the limb off behind you there." He made arrangements, or provided me the opportunity to see such people as Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, Harry Bird of Virginia, Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Scoop Jackson of Washington, and Frank Church from the State of Idaho. He the same as gave me the keys to the leader's office, which is right off the Senate.

Those of you that have been there, the Senate reception room comes right off of the Senate Chamber. Across the hall is the Leader's office for any kind of meetings we would need to have with other Senators or other people that may be of some assistance to us in this bill. One day when we were in there, I had the past President of the American National Cattlemen, Jay Taylor, who is a good friend of Lyndon Johnson, plus Brooks Kiel, who is the present President of the American National Cattle

Association. We were in there visiting with Mansfield about procedure. His secretary came in and whispered in his ear and he said, "Bring him in here. I want him to meet these people". It was Everett Dirksen, the Minority Leader of the Senate. He sat down along side of me and we talked about what we were there for. He said, "I'm interested. We have a lot of farmers in Illinois who produce beef". That was something else I thought was great for us.

He asked us to put together new factual information in a letter to him and he would enter it into the Congressional Record. That gave us the opportunity to talk to four hundred Congressmen and one hundred Senators that otherwise we would have had to do footwork to get to. On one of the trips to Washington, we had a meeting with the Department of Agriculture because we wanted to get their support. The Lyndon Johnson Administration was against this import bill. John Snickter, who is the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, shook his head no to everything we brought up and said, "That's in violation of the framework of the International Agreement on Trade and Tariffs". That night I called Senator Mansfield and he said, "Bob, from me you can tell him to go to hell. He is using that as a ploy. The International Agreement on Trade and Tariffs is a treaty. The Senate has to ratify all treaties in order for them to go into effect and that has not been ratified".

The last and probably the crowning thing he did for us, remember back when I said that Batten said, "Senator Mansfield is the third most powerful person in Washington". When the bills passed both the House and the Senate and went to Conference, there were six Senators on one side of the table and six Representatives on the other side. Down on the lower end was the livestock industry, and on the upper end was the Assistant Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Agriculture. They deliberated for nearly two hours with no progress. I wasn't there but Brooks Kiel, the President of American National from North Dakota, was. I had taken him to Mansfield and told him Brooks was my spokesman and anything he wanted to know from me, ask him. Brooks called me at our ranch and said, "The Committee has not made any progress; see what you can get done". I called Mansfield that night; the Committee met again at ten o'clock the next morning. At ten fifteen the Committee passed its duty and a week later it was signed by the President of the United States. For one industry, an industry where many of its people worked against Mike Mansfield in the election that year, for a man to do that, he is far above board as far as I am concerned. He was a man of moral character beyond repute, both in his politics and personal life. Our nation needs that and cries for it today.

The Alex Blewett campaign tried to get Senator Everett Dirksen to come and campaign against Mike Mansfield. Senator Dirksen turned them down. History will show that Dirksen and Mansfield worked best, the smoothest, and got more done together as Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate than any two who had ever served there before. The last speech given on the floor of the Senate before they adjourned for the election that fall was given by Everett Dirksen, the most eloquent expression of the reasons why Montana, the Senate, and the Country needed Mike Mansfield back in Washington. Mike Mansfield sent me an autographed copy of that speech and an autographed copy of that was taken when he looked over Lyndon Johnson's shoulder when he signed the Beef Import Bill. I was sent a picture personally autographed by Senator Mike Mansfield, with a message on it. It was the picture that appeared on Time magazine in 1964. He was a Senator, a servant and a friend for the common as well as the great. I hope this resolution passes unanimously. He and his wife deserve it, Montana deserves it, and our country deserves it.

REP. CAROL WILLIAMS, HD 69, MISSOULA, stated, I am one of those cousin Jacks from Butte that Mr. Kimmitt was talking about as well. I want to bring you greetings from my husband Pat, who is disappointed he wasn't able to be here to say his own words about this resolution and how much he supports it. He, of course, worked with Senator Mansfield for most of his adult life and is a very strong proponent of this bill. He happens to be in Arizona on University business today but he wanted me to pass along his thoughts anyway. I wanted to share briefly with you something that really tells you a lot about who Mike Mansfield is, that happened to me personally in the last year. This is my first term in the legislature. As I was doing all the eager things young candidates do, I was going through all the voter files in House District 69, writing postcards to everybody whose name I knew. I looked down one day and here is Mike and Maureen Mansfield in my district. I immediately dropped them a note and said, "I am not sure you know I am a candidate for the legislature, but I didn't want to let any stone go unturned because that's what I learned from you growing up in Butte, listening to your speeches, and coming to your meetings. I wanted to be sure you knew I knew you were in my district and I would appreciate your vote. Within a week, literally, I had a handwritten note from Senator Mansfield saying, "Well of course we knew you were running, we are so proud of you. We have already voted absentee, so not to worry". Mike Mansfield has never lost his roots in Montana. He has voted here, he has been part of our society, part of our government, part of our life, and I urge you to pass this resolution. He certainly was our greatest statesman and he may be our greatest Montanan.

Mike Cooney, Secretary of State, said, I am here representing myself. I have listened to a number of people speak and they have told wonderful stories of Senator Mansfield. I would like to share a couple of observations and experiences I have had, not so much personally with Senator Mansfield. Since I have been the Secretary of State for the last ten years, I have had the opportunity to travel to many points in this great nation of ours. Inevitably when I am introduced to anybody as being the Secretary of State from Montana, the person I am introduced to will immediately say, "Montana, that's Mike Mansfield state, isn't it?" It has given me this great appreciation of how people outside our state view Senator Mansfield and how important a role he played in the very recent history in our nation.

The other experience I want to share is, in the last ten years as Secretary of State, I have had the opportunity of giving a number of tours throughout this beautiful Capitol Building of ours to many different groups. Inevitably when I am taking people through the Capitol, they stop me after we have looked at the busts of Walsh and Dixon and the Statue of Jeanette Rankin and someone will say, "Wait. There is one missing; where do we find Mike Mansfield?" Perhaps, ladies and gentleman, you can change this by passing this resolution and making that a reality. I hope you give this a do pass recommendation and move on it swiftly.

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Greg Morgan, stated, I am from Bozeman and I am a guy who is a product of a Mansfield scholarship. One of the contributions that Mike Mansfield made to this great state is that he took under his wing many people. Kelly Addy is one, there are many other people including Don Robinson, Steve Brown, and many others who worked for Mike at some point in time in Washington. I was one of those people during the sixties and early seventies. I want to share with you a couple of things about him I learned as an impressionable young man at that time.

One thing I learned was integrity. I had the privilege of working in the Democratic cloak room during the time when the solid south crumbled and Ted Kennedy was elected as the Majority Whip in the United States Senate. Mike Mansfield presided over the Senate during that time and held the Senate together. There was a great deal of controversy that went on during that period of time, the Vietnam War, etc. Mike Mansfield was there keeping the business of the country moving and I learned to observe the integrity he expressed by respecting all of the people who were there. That was one of his loves as has been said, the United States Senate.

The other love was for Montana but I want to tell you two personal stories about Senator Mansfield that I think will broaden your grasp of what it meant to him to love Montana. I don't know of any Montanan who ever met Mike Mansfield that he forgot. One day I was walking into the office in the old Senate office building from the basement coming up the stairs. I followed a step behind two matronly ladies who were chatting, obviously absorbed in D.C., and they have come to see their Senator, Mike Mansfield. One of them says to the other one, "I don't know if Mike Mansfield is even going to remember me. I haven't seen him in fifteen years since he was in Montana campaigning". Then I heard the voice behind me say, "Mabel, how are you?" He knew exactly who she was and he walked by me and shook both of their hands, called them both by names, and took both of them into his office. I thought that was luck.

Sometime later, I had the pleasure of guiding about fifteen young Montanans who were sent to Washington by the Knights of Columbus, around the Capitol. Often, people in my position would have the opportunity to do that, because we knew where the nooks and crannies of what was going on was. I gave them the full tour and they ended up in Senator Mansfield's office in S208, which is the Capitol office. That office was kind of a private place where oftentimes other people did not know he spent a great deal of time there. He suggested I meet him there and introduce these young people to him. It wasn't necessary. There were twelve to fifteen of them. He went around the room and asked each of them their names and then told them their father's name or their mother's name, their aunt's name, their uncle's name, or in two cases, their neighbor's name in the town that they came from. Finally, he came to this one fellow from a very small town in eastern Montana. The fellow introduced himself and Senator Mansfield said, "Bill, I am really glad to meet you. You are the first person in that town that I know". He had a way with Montanans that was incredible and he never forgot individual Montanans. That is one thing I think you should remember and I proudly support this bill.

Mark Johnson, stated, I am from Great Falls originally and I have just come back to Montana after about thirty years with the United States State Department as a career diplomat. I knew Mike Mansfield, not only as a Majority Leader and Montanan but also as a diplomat. With your permission, I would like to say a few words about that. One thing I learned from Senator Mansfield is the fewer words the better, so I will be very brief. When I left Great Falls for other pastures I, like a lot of members in my generation, had the words of John Kennedy ringing in my ears, "Ask what you can do for your country." As a Montanan, I also had a beacon, a very powerful signal in Mike Mansfield, who showed that it was possible to have a career of service. It was

thirty-five years ago today that the United States Marines landed in Da Nang, Vietnam. Had we but listened to Senator Mansfield then, there would be far fewer names on that plaque of granite that sits not far from the State Department.

Senator Mansfield was a unique diplomat. He had his own style. At a lengthy banquet once, he was the subject of a lengthy speech. The gentleman went on, a half an hour, thirty-five minutes, he wouldn't stop. Senator Mansfield, it is reported, stood up, took his pipe out, said, "likewise," and sat down. I don't know if that's true, but you can believe that its true. When I told him my first assignment was Kuwait, in the Persian Gulf, he said, "Been there, hot". That is all he needed to say.

Mike Mansfield's legacy to America's understanding of and participation in Asia cannot be calculated. We know about Vietnam, but we should really know about his efforts to remind us we are a specific nation. It was Mike Mansfield who told us that foreign policy isn't foreign, its international, and it's part of all of us. I know that a lot of those bushels of wheat and barley that I shoveled while growing up in Cascade County are now dependent on foreign markets. I am honored to join with the others here in support of this resolution. I am honored to have been Montana's other ambassador in west Africa. This statute is more than a statute. It is a symbol of Senator Mansfield and Maureen Mansfield's commitment to public service and, as someone else has said, it's a commitment to the highest ethical standards I have ever seen in public office. I urge the prompt enactment of this resolution.

Bob Ream, Chairman, Montana Democratic Party, stated the Montana Democratic party strongly supports this resolution. A year and a half ago I took over as chair of the Party from Kelly Addy, and Carol Williams took over my seat in the legislature. That was one thing I shared with Senator Mansfield. I also shared the honor of serving at the University of Montana as a professor for 28 years. I cannot stand up here and say that I know Mike Mansfield well, but I did have the real pleasure and honor of spending a little over an hour in his office visiting with him last May.

There are three things that struck me. First of all, he walks three miles everyday. He walks to his office. At ninety-five he still does it and he is very spry. Secondly, I was amazed at his knowledge of what was going on in Montana on that particular day. He reads the newspapers from Montana. That is the first thing he does every morning when he comes to the office. The third thing is his eyes. He has the twinkle in his eyes that makes it a pleasure to engage with him on a one-on-one basis. He was so excited talking about Montana, and talking about some of the

issues going on in Montana. It made me proud to be a Democrat and have served in this legislature.

George Ostrem, stated, I am maybe the oldest, living, active news broadcaster and newspaper person in Montana. It was my honor to go to Washington, D.C. with the Kennedy New Frontier. I was working, assigned specifically to the staff of Senator Metcalf and I was excited about seeing Mansfield and people in the act of wielding power in the most powerful club in the world. Senator Metcalf told me to take the first day and wander around through the Capitol and the Senate office building to get a feel so I wouldn't get lost all of the time.

My dad was a Butte miner so I was raised as a liberal. I am no longer quite that liberal, but the Republicans were the enemy, I knew that. I was walking down the hall and I heard chatting coming around the corner in those great cavernous halls. I was shocked and I think I almost got sick to my stomach. There was a guy coming down around the corner, and here is Mike Mansfield with his arm around his shoulder and he was smiling at this guy, Everett Dirksen, the leader of the enemy. It took me a little while to adjust to that, but I think that little story indicates the way Mike Mansfield led. I couldn't find anyone who disliked him. They might have feared him a little bit because he had power and he knew how to use it in a kindly fashion.

One other thing I want to tell you about Mike is I was getting up in years and needed a wife. I just happened to get a blind date with the girl of my dreams from Whitefish and there was no place to take her. There wasn't a good show in town. Mike Mansfield was speaking at the Temple Tea Room in Kalispell, so I am taking a blind date to a political rally.

Two things occurred there. Flathead county had a lot of Democrats because they were loggers and miners. They gathered on one side of the Temple Tea Room and the Rotary, the KIWANIS, the business people, and the Chamber of Commerce were on the other side. Mike came down the stairs and looked all over at everyone, and then he looked over towards one side and he said, "Fellow Democrats." I thought, Oh God, that was dumb. Half these people in here wield a lot of power and they are over on the Republican side. Then he turned and said, "Fellow Republicans". The place rocked with applause.

Two things occurred, of course. The Flathead always supported Mansfield and this blind date I had thought if I hung around with people of that caliber, I would probably be good husband material. She went with me to Washington and enjoyed our stay there. I love Mike Mansfield. I talk to him now and then and

send him a letter. I hope this resolution goes through. It certainly has my endorsement. Thank you.

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Don Judge, Montana State AFL-CIO, stated, I am appearing on behalf of Jim Murray as well, who was going to be here with us today. Unfortunately, there was a death in the family and he was unable to make it for this hearing. Mr. Judge read **EXHIBIT (sts52a03)**.

Harp Cote, said, I am the guy from the Auditor's Office who has probably been harassing you for the last 45 days on certain bills, but it gives me great pleasure to be here and be able to talk briefly about Mike Mansfield. Mr. Cote read **EXHIBIT (sts52a04)**.

You have all heard of the many things Mike has done today. I thank you for your patience and understanding listening to all of us "old goats" telling what we know about a great man. You all know the same. He is a wonderful person and I would hope you do what is right.

Ambrose Measure, stated, I am from Kalispell, Montana. My acquaintance with Senator Mansfield did not really begin until after he got involved in politics. I was a student in the law school at the University of Montana when he and Maureen were teaching there, but my personal contacts did not begin then. When he became interested in politics and became one of our Congressmen, I became very acquainted with him. In my opinion, Senator Mansfield was probably one of the most highly respected, most highly dedicated, most highly trusted individuals who ever occupied the United States Senate. The state of Montana should be extremely proud of him and there is nothing the State of Montana can do for him that would be excessive.

He had a remarkable influence in our United States Senate, far beyond what we in Montana could ordinarily expect, but Senator Mansfield had a terrific impact. People listened to him and trusted him because of what I stated about his dedication and his position in honesty and integrity. He was never one to patronize two martini lunches. You never saw him at the "hot spots" of the Washington area. His recreation was primarily long walks he and Maureen used to take around Washington just about every day. That is probably why he is still back there and why he is still alive.

I have two personal incidents I would like to point out to give you an idea of what influence he had. When the Corps of Engineers were building the Libby Dam on the Kootenai River, the dam would flood out the town of Rexford located along side of the river. The people of this town had businesses there and they had three generations of people there. They wanted their town to be moved. They didn't want to be scattered "helter skelter" around the county. They tried to get the Corps of Engineers to move the town for them. They had a site picked out and the cost would not have been any greater than any other action that the Corps took. The "big honcho" of the Corps at that time was a General in Washington D.C. He refused to listen to them. This went on for almost a year. The town of Rexford sent me back to Washington and asked me if I would see if I could get something done. I did. I stopped at the Senate Chambers and I called out Senator Lee Metcalf, who was in the Senate with Mansfield at that time and a close personal friend of mine and a college classmate. I told him what the problem was. He said, "Wait a few minutes and I'll call out Mike. We'll see what can be done". He did and Mike came out. I again explained the matter to Mike and he said, "Go back to your motel and we'll get in touch with you". I went back to my motel and about three o'clock that afternoon I got a call from Senator Mike Mansfield and he said, "You may go back home. The town of Rexford will be moved".

There is another incident very much like that. I did a lot of work for Lincoln Electric Cooperatives. When the cooperative was being formed in Eureka, Montana, we were trying to get a loan from the REA and it was not being processed. We couldn't get any movement on it, so they sent me back to Washington again, to see if anything could be done. I stopped in at the Senator's office and they told me to go over to the REA office and see where you are located, so far as being processed on this loan. I did. There was a stack of loan applications about sixteen feet high and I think the electric application was about third from the bottom. I asked them when this would be processed and they said in about two years. I went back to Mansfield's office and told them what the situation was. They said to wait a little while and go back this afternoon. I went back over there in the afternoon and miraculously, that application was on the top of the pile.

I had another incident that was quite personal. Mike was having lunch with me one time in Kalispell and I had an interest in a radio station. We were trying to get a license renewed. We waited eight months for the matter to be handled and nothing happened, so I asked Mike, "Would it be out of line for me to ask you why something can't be done to get that license renewed?" "Oh no," he said, "Something will be done". The next morning I had a telegram on my desk saying the license had been renewed.

This is why Mike was in the position he was. He was never too busy to listen to his constituents. He was never too busy to help a friend. I never heard him make a personal attack on one of his opponents, although he was not so lucky as far as his opponents were concerned. He is one great man and anything this community and the State of Montana can do to recognize our Ex-Senator Mike Mansfield is certainly well deserved. Thank you.

Mel Rudder, Retired Newspaper Publisher, Flathead county, stated, I well remember 50 years ago when many of us in Flathead were concerned with the jobless aspect ahead of us coming with completion of Hungry Horse Dam, a mammoth project employing over 2,000 people. Hope was that an aluminum plant could provide jobs. Mike Mansfield knew the score. He was provided with information that an aluminum plant based on electric power supply should be built within 15 miles of the dam. Today the aluminum plant employs 600 hundred.

As a newsman I saw Mike Mansfield in Washington D.C. in 1980 with my wife Ruth. I went around the world in 40 days. The first stop was in Tokyo to see Ambassador Mike Mansfield. He served us coffee. Thank you.

John Bartlett, read **EXHIBIT (sts52a05)**.

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Mr. Bartlett continued with Exhibit 5.

Frank Cote, said this is my fourth legislative session and I can tell you this is the second time in four sessions I have taken off my badge as Deputy Insurance Commissioner to appear as myself. I stand before this committee today, jealous. I stand before this committee jealous because as my father so eloquently put it, these "old goats" got to meet Mike Mansfield and I never got to yet. I think that is something that is my own fault. I have probably had opportunities and I still hopefully will have opportunities to meet Mike Mansfield, but there will be many people my age and younger who will never get a chance to meet Mike Mansfield. I think it is appropriate to honor Mike and Maureen Mansfield in such a way that even though they may never be able to meet Mike face-to-face, they will be able to see something that will remind them of Mike and what he stood for. Secondly, I stand before you today to tell you, as you well know, we the people of this state owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mike and Maureen Mansfield. **Senate Joint Resolution 10** will start a down payment. Thank you.

SEN. DOROTHY ECK, SD 15, BOZEMAN, said, I am sorry I was called out and didn't hear a lot of this wonderful testimony. I understand they're going to have a transcript of all of it for us. I think having a statue of Mike Mansfield in the Capitol may capture some of the spirit of Mike Mansfield, and I think that is something that can benefit not only all of us, but generations to come. I had an opportunity late in life to meet Jeanette Rankin, but even before I met her, there was a spirit that was inspirational to women all over Montana, and not just women. Mike Mansfield has been something special in my life and I think in a whole generation of those who had any possibility of interacting with him.

My first meeting with Mansfield was when I was state President of the League of Women Voters. He was wonderful with this group and made us feel what we were doing was important and part of what was important to Montana. Those were critical days. I remember being in D.C. during the Kent State days when Mike Mansfield was under tremendous pressure and he felt such compassion. I know that for at least a week, maybe longer, he didn't ever go home. He slept in his office and he answered the phones and he got calls out. I think, not just the people in Montana, the people all over the country felt there were people in the Senate who really cared for them and he did.

Later I went back with a delegation from Montana State University. My husband had worked with a group from our film department doing a film on intensive care. Mike was going to arrange for a showing back there and we thought that would be nice. We would go into some hearing room and have this film showed to a number of people. It ended up as a huge reception. We felt like we were putting on a wedding or something because we had all of the important players in Washington D.C. there. It was always obvious how much everyone who dealt with him respected him. His presence was felt in many events.

Later when I worked with Tom Judge as his state local coordinator, I worked in the office which was also state federal coordination, so we worked a lot with Mansfield. It was during those years I became aware of how important this person was, not just in the high political reigns, but with individual Montanans, people in farmhouses, where he would stop by as he would travel from one end of the state to the other. He would come in, say hello and maybe have a cup of coffee. They looked upon him as a real friend.

I think of him as a wonderful role model for young people and how much he cared for young people and what their views were. I remember when Kelly Addy was student body president and went back there. I also remember how hard he worked to get the eighteen

year old vote approved. I also remember rather sadly when he left office. He said one of his real disappointments was those eighteen year old people he had counted on to carry on traditions and work on issues weren't really voting.

Mike leaves us a spirit that is important and will continue to be. We know about his humility. We know of his short speeches and his answer to a question, "yep". I remember talking to people who said an interview with Mike Mansfield was one of the hardest things they ever did. We also know of his fierce integrity and his high expectations. I have talked to a lot of Montanans who, when they have done something that has not been entirely noble or has been too partisan, felt that Mike would not really have approved of this and they were right. I think another legacy that he left us is the center in Missoula Montana. He has two centers, one is on Pacific rim politics and is certainly important to Montana, but the other one is for ethics and public affairs. I think he will be remembered for that too. I look forward to the time I can walk into Montana's Capitol and see a statue of Mike and feel his spirit, along with the statue of Jeanette Rankin. I think we all feel her spirit walking up those stairs. Thank you.

Pat Murdow, stated, I am with one of the two centers, the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs, in Missoula. The other center is the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana. Both are funded by the Mansfield Foundation. The Mansfield Foundation received funds from Congress to honor Mansfield and I believe Congress has done well by Mansfield, not only helping fund the Foundation but also establishing the Mansfield fellowships for United States government officials to study in Japan and improve understanding of Japan so that our relations will be better.

On a personal side, I am probably one of the few reporters who does not have a bad memory of interviewing Mansfield because I asked a dumb question, if he could tie together the trade deficit and the budget deficit. He gave me one of the longest and most complete answers that I thought he lost track after a little while, but he made a full circle explanation. After I went home and listened to it, I found it to be one of the best explanations I have ever heard. He could be tough on reporters but he could also be sympathetic.

In my current job I am traveling around the state and hearing some of the Mike Mansfield stories. Since everyone has already talked about the political side of Mike Mansfield, I wanted to give someone else's personal story about him. It is from Joyce Chinn, who grew up in Butte as one of the few Chinese Americans still in Butte. When she was six years old she remembers meeting

Mansfield. Her father had taken her to Lydia's for supper and her father said, "I want you to meet someone very important". She remembered the tallest men she had even seen coming down to her level and saying, "Your father is a very important person". That shows Mansfield's humility, but it also shows he understood how important it is for people to admire their own family and showed what an honest, altogether wonderful person he is.

When you create statues for people to honor them for public service it's nice, in the case of Mike Mansfield, that you can also honor the man. For our school children especially, who do not know him personally and have not had the experience, it is very important to have a statue in Montana, not just to honor him as other people have said, but to have as a role model so they will ask questions, "who was that person and what did he stand for".

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Bob Brown, stated, I am a registered lobbyist for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company and the Montana University System at this legislative session, but I am speaking for myself today in support of this resolution. I had a really interesting experience and I want to relay it to you. It occurred in December. I was back in Washington D.C. on business for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company and I had an opportunity to meet Senator Mansfield.

I was the director of the 6 Mill Levy Campaign we voted on statewide last fall. I was having lunch with Senator Mike Halligan in Missoula, one of the people who helped me campaign in the Missoula area. He asked what I was doing. I told him one of the things I would be doing is going back to Washington D.C. in December and he said, "While your back there, you ought to have a visit with Senator Mansfield". I said, "How would you go about doing that". He replied, "I don't think it would be very difficult. He likes to see people who are from Montana". He suggested I call Phil West, who is the director of the Mansfield Center at the University of Montana, so I contacted Phil West and he gave me a telephone number.

I called the telephone number and this lovely lady named Barbara Hikey answered the telephone. I explained to her I would be back there and when I would be there and she said, "He comes in to the office every morning, but his wife is ill right now and so I can't predict exactly that he would be here everyday, but he is here almost everyday. He comes to work in the morning so when you get to Washington D.C., just call this number again". I called when I got back there. As it turned out the morning that I called was December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day. It was just by

coincidence, but I called at about a quarter after eight and she said, "Yes, he's here now and he'd love to see you, so come right over".

The Goldman and Sax Office, where he works, is in the same building the Washington Star used to have its headquarters. It's a small office building, probably six or eight stories high. I was with a fellow from the aluminum company and we went over. He was standing in his office doorway, pressed white shirt on, neatly knotted tie, much more slender than I am and a little taller than I am, and you would never believe he was going to be 96 years old on his next birthday.

He escorted us into his small, very unpretentious office. We have heard that term several times this morning to describe Senator Mansfield. There is not a lot of memorabilia on the wall of his office. It's a working office; his desk is cluttered with documents and papers. He obviously works out of that place. He escorted Jim and I to a little coffee table and we sat down. He poured coffee and engaged us in conversation. It's interesting how the conversations with him work, because a lot of information is exchanged in the conversations, but its mostly from you to him. He, in a gentle but firm way, guides the conversations, at least he certainly did ours.

We visited with him for fifteen minutes or so and we did most of the talking. I guess most of you who know me probably would not be entirely surprised by that. It was a wonderfully warm and interesting meeting. He has this amenable twinkle in his eye that puts you at ease, and a ready smile. When we were finished with our conversation we gave him a jar of huckleberry jam from the Flathead, took a picture, and went to the doorway to his office. He followed us over to the doorway, and remember Evan Barrett who testified earlier today, as we were walking down the hallway he got our intention and said "tap'er light", with this broad smile on his face.

It is such a fascinating experience because you feel like you just came in contact with a living monument. I'm sure most anyone in this room could do the same thing I did if you're back there. I might say you better do it pretty soon because he is 96 years old, but you have to remember this. He was Senate Majority Leader longer than anyone in history, Ambassador to Japan longer than anyone in history, and he has worked as a consultant for Goldman and Sax, beginning his second decade next month. I wouldn't be surprised if he outlived some of us in this room.

I mentioned my experience to a member of Senator Burn's staff. I told him the story I just told you and he said, "There was a big

snow storm here a couple years ago and it snowed over a foot of snow. It paralyzed the whole city. Traffic couldn't get in and out of the city; hardly anyone showed up to work except guess who? Ordinarily he shows up at about 8:30 A.M. That morning he apparently got to work about 8:45 A.M. because the car bringing him into to town from where he lives couldn't bring him up to the office building, so he had to walk a number of blocks to get to work. He was one of the half a dozen people in that whole office building that showed up for work that day. He pulled the whole shift and went home in the middle of the afternoon, as he generally does.

He is truly a remarkable person and he is remarkable from the standpoint of being a tower of integrity. He is someone who has made politics a noble profession and one we hope can continue to be. His example is monumental and his physical being is monumental. The least we can do as a state is to recognize him by the enactment of **SJ 10**. We ought to recognize his wishes and in someway include a memorial to his wife Maureen. Thank you.

REP. BILL THOMAS, HD 93, HOBSON, said, I am speaking to you this morning in place of my father. My dad is 90 years old, lives on a ranch in central Montana, and is in fairly good health. There are two things he would like me to relay to you during his lifetime and his relationship to the Mansfields. My mother and father both went to the University and that is where they got to know Mike and Maureen. In all due respect to them, if I may refer to them Mike and Maureen. My remarks would be brief because my father's remarks would be brief to you. Mike and my father both worked in the Office of Administration. One day Mike told my dad that he was having a little trouble with his Spanish classes. The Spanish instructor was my grandfather, Dr. B.E. Thomas. My dad said, "You know Catherine majored in Spanish, Mike, and perhaps she could help you out". Once a week that winter, Mike would come over to my parents' little apartment in Missoula and my mom and Mike would sit around the kitchen table and Mike passed the course. My mother was always very happy to say she tutored Mike Mansfield.

Another little incident happened a few years later. Mike and my dad met on the streets in Butte one day. They were visiting and Mike said, "You know, Stuart, I am considering running for Congress. What do you think I ought to do?" My dad was as short with words as Mike was and said, "Mike, I think you ought to go for it". Mike did and I guess he lost the first time around, but he made it the second time and history has taken care of the rest of it. My father worked for the Social Security Administration all of his working life and because of FDR and especially Mike Mansfield, he was a very good Democrat. He often wonders whatever happened to me, but at any rate, my father and I

heartily agree on one thing, and that is the memorial for Mike Mansfield. I'm happy to represent him today and we both concur on that.

REP. JOE QUILICI, HD 36, BUTTE, stated, I first met Mike Mansfield when I was about ten years old. My uncle Leonard brought him to the house in east Butte. I have always remembered him and I have worked with him over the years. I found out one thing, Mike Mansfield has lent a lot of stature to the State of Montana and its people. Not only in this country, but around the world. I think this is the least we can do for a man of his ability and his stature. Thank you very much.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

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SEN. COLE said, Mr. Chairman, I think this is one of the most inspiring times we have had here. In the many years I have been up here, I have had some other bills that I don't believe had the support this had, by a long shot. As a fellow Republican, from the comments made here, I think that we can definitely see in Mike Mansfield that he did not have politics as such, whether he was Republican, Democrat, or whatever, he was for Montana and I think we have certainly heard that today. I could go on for a little bit longer, everybody has heard much more than I could possibly do, about the wonderful things that he did.

There are a couple of people I would like to thank. One is Senator Tom Beck, who is with the Capitol Complex Advisory Committee. He is also the President ProTem of the Senate and he is working very hard to make sure this becomes a reality. I think we have definitely heard from the Governor, that he is supporting this. Although he didn't say anything when he spoke, former President of Senate, Bob Brown, is the one who is working behind this, making sure that it keeps going and we stay on track. With that, I hope very much both committees give a Do Pass and this becomes a law.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:58 P.M.

SEN. MACK COLE, Chairman

KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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